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Probe Red Dope Tie To Malcolm Murder

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Investigators are checking reports that Malcolm X was murdered not by Black Muslims but by persons who thought he knew too much about a Harlem dope racket with supply lines stretching to Cuba and Red China.

Sources close to the murder inquiry disclosed Malcolm was "furious" when he learned his Black Nationalist group, also called the Organization of Afro-American Unity, had been infiltrated by pro-Peking fanatics who were peddling dope to Harlem addicts.

Himself a former narcotics peddler and addict, Malcolm kicked the habit while in prison. Later, as a Black Muslim leader, he waged war on the vicious racket. With the zeal of a reformed drunk, he exhorted his followers to stay away from narcotics.

James Farmer, executive director of the Congress of Racial Equality, has called for a federal probe of Malcolm's murder, which he called "a political killing with international implications."

Farmer is convinced the gunmen who executed Malcolm before 400 horrified spectators in the Audubon Ballroom last Sunday were not Black Muslims. Nor does he believe Malcolm's henchmen hurled the fire bombs that destroyed Black Muslim headquarters in Harlem early Tuesday.

Both these incidents, Farmer believes, were designed to cover up a much more sinister plot.

While declining to name those he believes were responsible for the murder, Farmer pointed out that Malcolm had been deeply involved in fighting the Harlem drug traffic.

Asked if he was aware that left-wing extremists have been peddling dope to finance their revolutionary activities, Farmer replied: "I've heard such reports. I think all angles should be looked into."

From other sources, the World-Telegram learned that Red China has been shipping heroin, cocaine and other narcotics to Cuba for transshipment to the United States and Latin America. Smuggled into this country via Canada and Mexico, the dope has become the major revenue source of at least one Harlem-based extremist group.

Leaders of this group and other far-left organizations supporting Cuba and China conferred with Malcolm X on several occasions after he bolted the Black Muslims a year ago to form his own Negro nationalist outfit.

According to a reliable report under investigation by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, the Reds paid at least part of the tab for Malcolm's tours of Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

Change of Attitude

The plan apparently was to use him as a tool to exploit race problems in the U.S. and as a propaganda weapon against America. But Malcolm's fanatic hatred of whites modified considerably in the last six months.

He spoke with affection of the white-skinned Moslems he met on a pilgrimage to Mecca. He gave friendly interviews to white newsmen and began devoting much of his time to public appearances and speeches before white groups.

Convinced that his usefulness was over, the Harlem anarchists—and their bosses in Havana and Peking—decided to take over his loosely knit organization.

Plans Exposure

Malcolm's top lieutenants had been aware of the Red infiltrators for some time. They tried to warn Malcolm but he was too busy fulfilling his new role as a globetrotter and public speaker. When he finally realized his leadership was being sabotaged by Reds who were also narcotics racketeers, he decided to expose them.

Investigators believe he might have planned to name the Red racketeers at the rally where he was shot down.

The Red-run narcotics trade in Harlem has become a serious threat to the underworld dope business run by Cosa Nostra gangsters. Recent raids by narcotics detectives and federal agents crippled the Cosa Nostra operation and forced many addicts to turn to Communists for their shots.

There are several pro-Cuba and pro-China groups in Harlem including the Progressive Labor Movement, the Harlem Defense Council and the Revolutionary Action Movement. The RAM reportedly is masterminded from Cuba by turncoat American Negro Robert F. Williams.

These groups are already spreading the Cuban-Chinese propaganda line that Malcolm was a victim of white reactionaries." The Reds are trying to make him look like a martyr, as they did when Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba was murdered.

Jesse Gray, head of the leftist Community Council on Housing, has called for a public outdoor memorial meeting for Malcolm X at 6 p.m. today at 125th St. and Seventh Ave., Harlem's busiest intersection. "It will be peaceful just as long as the police conduct themselves properly," Gray told reporters.

Gray's activities in last summer's Harlem riots, when he called for "100 men ready to die for freedom" and mentioned "guerrilla warfare," were the subject of several investigations.

His Community Council and several other extreme left-wing groups belong to the Federation for Independent Political Action, which blames Malcolm's murder on "reactionary enemies of the Afro-American struggle for human rights."

The stage of the slaying, it said, was set by the U.S. government's "brazen bombing" of North Viet Nam, support of white mercenaries in the Congo and denial of "the right of the Cuban people to self-determination."

This anti-American blast, following the propaganda line set by Havana and Peking, was contained in circulars distributed near Harlem's Unity Funeral Home, where Malcolm's body is reposing. Some [illegible] through the undertaking parlor since the murder victim was placed on public view Tuesday night.

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